

men for their notable actions to combat tyranny across the globe.

Mr. Drumwright, born and raised in Norfolk, Virginia, made the courageous decision to serve his country at the early age of 17. In 1939, he volunteered into the National Guard, and in February 1941 he joined the 29th Signal Company of the Army's 29th Infantry Division. With his companions and approximately 160,000 other Allied forces, he stormed the beaches of Normandy, France on D-day. At Omaha Beach, Drumwright courageously fought to liberate St. Lo, a key city to opening the Falaise Gap, which allowed the Allied forces to expel the Nazi Germans from northern France. Early in the invasion, Drumwright was injured and evacuated to England for treatment, but only a short five months later, he was back in the thick of battle with the 29th company.

At the end of World War II, he returned to Norfolk, Virginia where he received his graduate degree in Architecture in 1949. Throughout his studies, he remained in the Army Reserve until 1953 when he was called back into active duty during the Korean War. After retiring from the military, Mr. Drumwright began the next phase of his life working at DuPont, one of the largest chemical companies in the world. At DuPont, he met his wife, Amy Wright, and they now have two children, James and Kelley. Throughout recent years, Mr. Drumwright has remained active in various organizations recognizing veterans, such as Veterans of Foreign Wars and Boy Scout Troops of America, and has enjoyed traveling with his wife all across the globe.

Mr. Drumwright served our country with distinction, and I thank him for his sacrifice. Our country is blessed to have men like Mr. Drumwright who put their lives on the line to protect our freedoms and democracy across the world. His courage is a testament to the American spirit: a spirit of bravery, selflessness, and commitment to freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an American patriot, Mr. James H. Drumwright, Jr. We honor your achievements and sincerely thank you for your service. God Bless you and God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING PRESTON "PRES" HENNE

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Preston "Pres" Henne, who will culminate a truly outstanding 44-year career in the aerospace industry when he retires from Gulfstream Aerospace on March 31, 2013 as senior vice president for Programs, Engineering and Test.

During Pres' 19 years with Gulfstream, he was responsible for leading the teams which designed, developed, tested and certified the Gulfstream V and G550 aircraft, which earned the Robert J. Collier trophies from the National Aeronautics Association in 1997 and 2003, respectively. The trophy is awarded annually for the greatest achievement in aeronautics and astronautics in North America.

Under Pres' direction, Gulfstream developed and certified six new aircraft—the G650,

G550, GV, G450, G280 and G150. In conjunction with these new products, Pres was also responsible for launching a number of industry-leading product enhancements, including the Gulfstream Enhanced Vision System and Synthetic Vision-Primary Flight Display.

Most recently, Pres oversaw the development of the company's much-anticipated G650, one of the world's most sophisticated business-jet aircraft. The G650, which entered service in 2012, was designed with technological advances such as a digital fly-by-wire system, triplex flight management systems, auto emergency descent and enhanced and synthetic vision systems. Pres also supervised the design and development of the G280, an aircraft that has been noted for its best-in-class performance, cabin comfort and technology.

Pres was also instrumental in the establishment of a strong engineering organization and a Research and Development Center campus with four office buildings and a state of the art laboratory building. All of which reflected Pres' extraordinary vision for the future of Gulfstream's product development.

Pres earned a bachelor's degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering with highest undergraduate honors from the University of Illinois in 1969 and a master's degree in engineering from California State University at Long Beach in 1974.

Pres is a Fellow of the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and a member of the National Academy of Engineering. His awards include the AIAA 1996 Engineer of the Year Award, the AIAA 2001 Hap Arnold Award for Excellence in Aeronautical Program Management, the 2005 University of Illinois Alumni Award for Distinguished Service, a 2012 Living Legend of Aviation Award from the Kiddie Hawk Air Academy, the AIAA 2012 Reed Aeronautics Award and a 2012 Aviation Week Laureate Award.

SUPPORT OF TIFA WITH TAIWAN

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to endorse the resumption of Trade Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) negotiations between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan). After five years of inaction, I was pleased to see these important talks get underway once again.

I believe that much progress was made during the previous rounds of TIFA talks and that improvements were made in intellectual property protection in particular. Furthermore, I am aware that many other challenges, including the need for even stronger intellectual property protection safeguards and market access for many American products, need to be resolved.

I have had the pleasure of meeting with many officials of the Taiwanese government, and I am pleased to hear of their willingness to come forward and resume talks to improve our mutual trading relationship. Many of these trading differences can be best resolved through the resumption of active bilateral negotiations.

Taiwan currently serves as our 10th largest goods trading partner, and has been a long-

standing political ally and partner to the United States. Bilateral goods and services trade totaled \$85 billion in 2011. Increased economic relations between the United States and Taiwan will provide significant economic advantages to both countries.

I am proud to express my strong support for strengthening the bilateral relationship between the United States and Taiwan. Taiwan is an important ally and trading partner, and we must continue to further our relationship.

ALLY BUCKNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ally Buckner for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Ally Buckner is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ally Buckner is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ally Buckner for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO NIKKI SYVERSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Nikki Syverson for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Nikki Syverson is the Event Director at the Des Moines Wine Festival Foundation where she has helped grow the event from three days to eight days and add monthly wine tastings. The extended festival format was such a success in the previous year that event organizers are doubling down on their efforts this year. Nikki volunteers her exemplary event planning skills by planning ChildServe's Bubble Ball Gala and the Des Moines Community Playhouse's Hollywood Halloween